

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

#4^{SC}
1-504

In re Application of

Marc Georges GIRARDOT, et al.

Serial No.: 09/551,402

Group Art Unit: 2176

Filed: April 17, 2000

Examiner: Hillery, Nathan

For: SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR SCHEMA-DRIVEN COMPRESSION OF
EXTENSIBLE MARK-UP LANGUAGE (XML) DOCUMENTS

Honorable Commissioner of Patents
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

RECEIVED

DEC 24 2003

Technology Center 2100

RESPONSE TO FIRST OFFICE ACTION AND
ELECTION OF SPECIES REQUIREMENT

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated November 25, 2003, please consider the following:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

Remarks begin on page 2 of this paper.

REMARKS

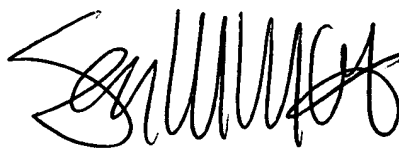
In response to the Examiner's Election of Species requirement, Applicants hereby elect the species of Species I (drawn to a structured document) on which at least claims 6-11 are readable, without traverse. Claims 1-5, 39, 40, 42, and 43 are generic to all species. Applicants reserve the opportunity to file Divisional Applications for the non-elected species later.

Early, favorable prosecution on the merits is respectfully requested.

Should the Examiner find the application to be other than in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned at the local telephone number listed below to discuss any other changes deemed necessary in a telephonic or personal interview.

A conditional petition is made for any extension of time which may become necessary. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any fees for such extension and to credit any overpayment in fees to Assignee's Deposit Account No. 09-0441.

Respectfully Submitted,



Sean M. McGinn
Reg. No. 34,386

Date: 12/23/03

McGinn & Gibb, PLLC
Intellectual Property Law
8321 Old Courthouse Road, Suite 200
Vienna, Virginia 22182-3817
(703) 761-4100
Customer No. 21254